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NIZHNE-AMUR OBLAST MAKES INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS

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Deposits of gold and other valuable metals have been discovered in Nizhne-Amur Oblast during the Five-Year Plans, and deposits of magnetic iron ore have been opened up. The population of Okhotskiy Rayon is already utilizing local coal deposits. Deposits of cinnabar, red lead, and ochre have been found in the Rayon imeni Polina Osipenko and in Ayano-Mayskiy Rayon. Oblast workers have made significant progress in developing the economy of the northern taiga regions. Industrial construction during the years of Soviet power has included the construction of shipbuilding and ship-repair plants of the Ministry of the Maritime Fleet, the shipyard of the Ministry of the Fish Industry, the fishing port Mago, 15 fish and 4 canning plants, 60 fish-processing shops and a large refrigerating plant, the Nikolayevsk Baking Combine, a wooden packing materials combine, 7 lumber mills and a number of other enterprises.

Local and cooperative industries have been organized in the Oblast and now include 9 combines and 7 artels. Construction of new enterprises was continued throughout World War II, when 17 electric power plants were built which increased the production of electric power $2\frac{1}{2}$ times over 1940. In recent years, 14 kolkhozes have been equipped with electric facilities, and an additional 18 kolkhozes and a number of settlements will be provided with electric power within the next 2 years.

Nikolayevsk has become a large-scale industrial and cultural center, where new plants, a shipyard, grain-milling combine, baking combine, seaport and other enterprises have been built. Almost all industrial enterprises of Nikolayevsk completed the 1988 plan ahead of schedule. Gross production increased nearly 27 percent over 1947 and more than four times over 1940. Enterprises of the city gave the State more than 6 million rubles in profits above the plan in 1988.

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The fish industry of the Oblast has undergone the most significant changes in the years of Soviet power. The Nizhne-Pronglinskiy fishing area now includes a fish combine with a cannery, which produces 20,000 jars of canned fish per day, and a glass container plant which ships its products to fish plants of the Amur, the Okhotsk Coast and Sakhalin Oblast. A number of other large-scale fish enterprises have been built in Nizhne-Amur Oblast including those enterprises at Dzhaore, Pair, Ozerpakh, Theyvakh, Chnyrrakh, and others. A large base of the fish industry has grown up on the coast of the Okhotsk Sea. The Okhotsk State Fish Trust combines more than 20 fish plants. Fishermen of the Oblast completed the 1948 plan for catching fish in 11 months, and the kolkhozes caught 560,000 pud of high-quality fish above the annual plan. Fishermen of the Nizhne-Amur State Fish Trust and those on the Okhotsk sea-coast achieved particular success in 1948. One brigade from the "Rassvet Severa" Kolkhoz in Okhotskiy Rayon caught 52,000 pud of fish, or $1\frac{1}{2}$ times above the plan, despite difficult fishing conditions.

The gold mining and refining industry in the Oblast has also undergone change to the extent of being created anew. Large-scale mines have been opened in the deep taiga regions of Kherpuchi, Kerbi, Udyi', Kolchan, Afanas'yevsk, Kurun-Uryakh.

Telephone communication has been expanded on a wide scale. The network of intrarayan telephone exchanges has increased more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ times in the last 7 years. All rayons have telephone and radio-telephone communication with the Oblast center, Nikolayevsk, which in turn has communication with Khabarovsk.

Agriculture of the Oblast has been developing rapidly. The opinion of scientists, that potatoes could not be cultivated in Okhotsk, has been completely reversed. Potatoes and vegetables are now being cultivated in Okhotsk and other northern regions. The needs of the population for vegetables and potatoes are now being met in the majority of rayons by the agriculture of the Oblast. The number of animal raising farms has tripled in the last 8 years. Many kolkhozes have 2 or 3 such farms. Many artels in Okhotskiy and Ayano-Mayskiy Rayons, which were previously considered unfavorable for cattle raising, now have their own dairy farms. The material welfare of kolkhoz workers has improved with the development of the Oblast's economy. Ten out of 13 kolkhozes in one region of Okhotskiy Rayon have become "millionery." The money income of kolkhoz workers has increased. The "Pyatiletka" Kolkhoz, Ul'chskiy Rayon, in 1948 gave 7 kilograms of potatoes and vegetables and 29 rubles for each work day. Kolkhoz workers of the "Oborona" Artel, Takhtinskiy Rayon, each received 16 kilograms of potatoes and vegetables and 12 rubles per work day. Many kolkhoz workers also work in fishing brigades and earn 10,000-15,000 rubles for a summer's work.

In future years, development of the fish industry in the Oblast will be given the most importance. Fishermen must utilize new water resources and increase the fish catch. The Tuguro and Chumikan Fish Combines will be expanded considerably in 1949-50. The capacity of these combines will be doubled and tripled. A new motorized fishing station will be set up in Tuguro-Chumikanskiy Rayon and will receive a considerable number of fishing and transport ships in 1949. Fish industry enterprises in Okhotski Rayon will also receive considerable additions to the fishing fleet and to their equipment. Unloading of fish from boats to the shore will be completely mechanized within the next 2 years by installing additional fish pumps and hydraulic conveyers. The production capacity of the Ul'inskiy, Inskiy and Urakskiy Fish Combines in Okhotskiy Rayon, and Fish Plants No 16 and 23 in Okhotskiy Rayon will be considerably increased. One of the most important tasks is that of increasing the assortment and quality of fish products and the output of fish containers. A large-scale wooden fish packing combine and 2 new barrel plants will be built in the next few years in Nizhne-Amur Oblast.

The Oblast timber industry now includes the Kizinskiy, Bystrinskiy, and Duranskiy Timber Managements. Logging enterprises will double and triple their

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work in the next 2 or 3 years with installation of new equipment and extensive mechanization of labor-consuming processes.

New groups of immigrants are continually arriving in the Oblast from all parts of the country. It has been decided to construct a standard house-building combine in the Oblast in order to speed housing construction for the new workers.

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